

I understand that the legislature will be bringing up the subject of tolls for CT. highways. As a person who lives in Southport and travels to New York and return, I believe that tolls would create a terrible burden for working families as well as those traveling to MA and NY. Today, traffic from Southport to Greenwich is unbearable. The return from Stamford to Southport is frustrating and angers a large portion of the folks that live in the area. Top this off with highway repairs, bad weather and accidents and there is no telling when one might reach their destination.

What will tolls accomplish other than revenue? They will bring traffic to a crawl and in my opinion, cause more Connecticut residents to leave the State. As you are all aware, CT is losing residents and businesses. Why? We have high taxes on both the local and State sides. There is never a proposal of any consequence for cutting costs. This is particularly true in my community. It is spend, spend, spend.

If we want to create more animosity and lose more residents and businesses, put in the the tolls. Those seniors and those who need affordable housing cannot continue to take their fixed income and be charged yet again to help the State bail out of a potentially bankrupt position.

Manage the State. Cut costs. Otherwise, CT. will continue to decline and find itself worse off than today.

Sincerely, Drummond Bell

Sent from my iPad